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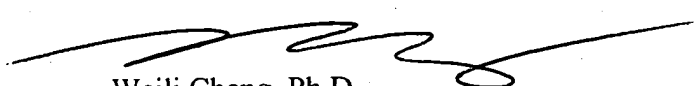
Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office communication dated October 21, 2003, enclosed is the corrected Amendment. Claim 2 has now been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action, mailed May 7, 2003, the Applicant offers the following Amendment and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application.